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SUBJECT: BELIZE DISPUTE IN UNGA

REF: USUN 4319

1. DURING OCT 10 CRUISE WITH GOV MCENTEE ABOARD OFFICIAL YACHT, H. E. TOLD ME DISCUSSIONS WITH GOB RE TACTICS AT UNGA WOULD BEGIN THIS WEEK. HE UNDERSTOOD SOME ELEMENTS IN BELIZEAN GOVERNMENT WANTED A MUCH TOUGHER RESOLUTION THIS YEAR BUT SAID THAT HMG COULD BE EXPECTED TO URGE MODERATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT A RELATIVELY RESTRAINED RESOLUTION STOOD A CHANCE OF ENLISTING SUPPORT, OR AT LEAST THE ABSTENTION, OF SOME OF THE MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY SOME OF THE CENTRAL AMERICANS, WHO HAD VOTED AGAINST LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION, THEREBY FURTHER
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INCREASING PRESSURE OF WORLD OPINION ON THE GUATEMALANS.

HE ALSO INTENDED TO POINT OUT TO BELIZEANS THAT AN UNDULY HARSH RESOLUTION MIGHT LOSE THEM THE SUPPORT OF SOME MEMBERS WHO HAD SUPPORTED LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION. GOVERNOR WAS UNCERTAIN AS TO WHETHER THIS ADVICE WOULD PREVAIL OVER ANTICIPATED COUNSEL FROM SOME OF THE MORE MILITANT NON-ALIGNED MEMBERS(ESPECIALLY JAMAICA AND GUYANA) IN FAVOR OF LANGUAGE CRITICAL OF GOG.

2. H. E. VOLUNTEERED THE OPINION THAT HMG WOULD NOT BE SEEKING AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE FROM US BECAUSE IT RECOGNIZED THAT OUR LEVERAGE WITH GOG SEEMED LIKELY TO BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN A FAVORABLE VOTE IN UNGA.

3. GOVERNOR SAID GOB REP ASSAD SHOMAN WAS ALREADY IN NEW YORK GETTING READY FOR ANTICIPATED INTRODUCTION OF UNGA RESOLUTION ON BELIZE.

4. GOVERNOR MCENTEE PROMISED TO KEEP ME APPRISED OF GOB ATTITUDES AND INTENTIONS AS THESE EVOLVE.
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